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Press articles on Philby

MR. ARTHUR LEWIS (West Ham, North, Lab.) asked the Prime Minister whether he was aware that *The Sunday Times* and *The Observer* were serializing articles concerning the defection of Kim Philby and what reply was sent by the appropriate departments to their applications for clearance from a security point of view before publication.

MR. WILSON, in a written reply, stated: The attention of the editors of both papers was drawn to certain aspects of the articles in question—on which I cannot, of course elaborate—where, in the Government's view it would be contrary both to the public interest and to the requirements of current security to go into too much detail.